

--- 5 Pounds - BLACK - “Series of 1883”- Chewing Tobacco - 3rd BABN Contract of October 1878 ---

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - without an imprint - 456 x 20 mm. ---

--- perforated 12 - three beavers plus foliage - without control numbering ---

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3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)

John McKay records that 5,000 *lithographed* copies of “5 lbs. Black, Cut Chewing” were ‘delivered’.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)

John McKay records that 69,253 *lithographed* copies of “5 lbs. Black, Chewing Tobacco” were ‘delivered’.

He seems to have grouped the *lithographed* and the *recess printed* strips. Judging by the control number of **RF-9 CP**, the first 40,000 copies on the 4th Contract were lithographed.

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| 3rd BABN Contract | October 22nd 1878 | 5,000 lithographed   | <b>000001</b> to <b>005000</b>                                   |
| 4th BABN Contract | October 22nd 1886 | 35,000 lithographed<br><u>34,253</u> recess (hand press)<br>74,253 | <b>005001</b> to <b>040000</b><br><b>040001</b> to <b>074253</b> |

In spite of the McKay characterization of the strips as *lithographed*, I find that the collection copy **RF-9 CP** is definitely *recess printed*. The figure of 34,253 *recess printed* is a pure guess on my part.

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The catalogue lists the “Series of 1883” 5 pound, black, “Fine Cut Chewing” tobacco strip as follows:

**RF-9(L)**- 5 lb., black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, three beavers with foliage

**RF-9** - 5 lb., black, perf 12, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, three beavers with foliage

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★ **RF-9(L)n** - 5 pounds, black, perf 12, without control numbering, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove

The collection *does not contain* a lithographed copy of **RF-9(L)** from the **3rd BABN Contract** (with a control number below **040000**) - **WANTED!**

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--- 5 Pounds - BLACK - “Series of 1883”- Chewing Tobacco - 4th BABN Contract of October 1886 ---

--- recess printed on horizontal mesh wove - without an imprint - 456 x 20 mm. ---

--- S-180a - *perforated 12* - three beavers plus foliage - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

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The catalogue lists the “Series of 1883” 5 pound, black, “Fine Cut Chewing” tobacco strip as follows:

**RF-9(L)**- 5 lb., black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, three beavers with foliage

**RF-9** - 5 lb., black, perf 12, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, three beavers with foliage

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★**RF-9 CP** - 5 pounds, black, perf 12, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue control **045122**,  
three beavers plus foliage, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters

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| <b>045122★</b> | RF-9 CP | 5 pounds, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove,<br>stamped <b>CANCELLED</b> in 3 mm. violet Gothic |
| <b>045123</b>  | RF-9 CP | 5 pounds, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove,<br>stamped <b>CANCELLED</b> in 3 mm. violet Gothic |

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